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SUBJECT: U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS: HELLENIKON

REFS: (A) STATE 107672 (DTG 112314Z APR 77)
(B) ATHENS 4236 (DTG 071309Z MAY 77)
(C) 76 ATHENS 10915 (DTG 110526Z OCT 76)
(D) STATE 79933 (DTG 090001Z APR 77)

1. DURING MAY 12 WORKING GROUP MEETING, HELLENIKON
ANNEX A, PARA 4 WAS REFORMULATED ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED
IN REF A, EVEN THOUGH EXACT WORDING AND PLACEMENT WERE
ADJUSTED IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS. WE BELIEVE
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REVISION NOW ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE CONCEPT INTENDED IN
THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH, I.E.: (A) TOTAL U.S. STRENGTH ON
HELLENIKON WILL BE 1,452 (1,210 PLUS 20 PERCENT);
(B) AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS FOR FOUR SEPARATE ACTIVITIES
(MISSIONS) LISTED IN ARTICLE I OF THE APPENDIX WILL
BE DOCUMENTED IN A LETTER FROM THE U.S. SENIOR OFFICER
TO THE GREEK INSTALLATION COMMANDER; AND (C) WITHIN THE

TOTAL STRENGTH OF 1,452, THE STRENGTHS OF THE SEPARATE ACTIVITIES MAY BE INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY TEN PERCENT (AS ALWAYS INTENDED, THIS MEANS, OF COURSE, THAT AN INCREASE IN ONE ACTIVITY MAY REQUIRE THE DECREASE IN ANOTHER TO STAY WITHIN THE 1,452). PARA FOUR REMAINS THE SAME AS REPORTED IN REF B EXCEPT FOR LAST SENTENCE WHICH NOW READS:

"SMALL INCREASES IN THE ABOVE PER ACTIVITY STRENGTHS NOT EXCEEDING APPROXIMATELY TEN PERCENT SHALL NOT REQUIRE THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COMPETENT GREEK AUTHORITIES, PROVIDED THE OVERALL AUTHORIZED STRENGTH REFERRED TO ABOVE AS ADJUSTED TO ACCOMMODATE FLUCTUATING PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS IS NOT EXCEEDED."

2. WE DID NOT TABLE CHANGES TO THE LAST SENTENCE OF HELLENIKON APPENDIX ARTICLE IV.2.B AS RECOMMENDED IN PARA 3 OF REF A. LANGUAGE OF THE PRESENT LAST SENTENCE AS SHOWN IN REF B IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS THAT IN U.S. BRACKETS IN REF C WHICH WE WERE INSTRUCTED BY REF D TO ACHIEVE. CONSIDERING THE LENGTH OF TIME IT TOOK TO WIN GREEK AGREEMENT WITH THIS SENTENCE, WE WOULD BE HIGHLY EMBARRASSED TO SUGGEST NOW A MODIFICATION OF OUR OWN PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE RATIONALE PROVIDED TO US PN PARA 3 OF REF A. SUB-PARA B IS TITLED "RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS" AND THE FIRST SENTENCE REFERS TO RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. NO OTHER TYPES OF AIRCRAFT OR FLIGHTS ARE MENTIONED IN THE SUB-PARA. THEREFORE, WE CANNOT SEE ANY WAY THAT THE PRESENT LAST SENTENCE COULD BE INTERPRETED TO

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REFER TO ANYTHING EXCEPT RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS. MOREOVER, WE FEAR THAT TO REOPEN THIS SUB-PARA TO FURTHER DISCUSSION WOULD ENCOURAGE THE GREEKS TO MAKE A NEW ATTEMPT TO NEGATE OUR HARD-WON ADVANTAGE WHICH IS NOW EMBODIED IN THE LAST SENTENCE.

3. ACTION REQUEST: WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF REVISED TEXT IN PARA 1 ABOVE AND WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN PARA 3 OF REF A. REPLY BY OOB MAY 13 WOULD PERMIT OUR CLOSING THE ENTIRE HELLENIKON ISSUE ON THAT DATE. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WE REQUEST REPLY BY OOB MAY 14.

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